

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

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Alternatively, the plication band of the present invention may be constructed of an elastic material such as a superelastic nickel titanium alloy (e.g., Nitinol) pre-formed in the desired final "contracted" shape. This shape can be the same as or similar to that shown in Figs. 10-12. The plication band may then be deployed by actively expanding it, with an appropriate deployment tool, to a shape the same as or similar to that shown in Figs. 7-9. The expanded plication band may then be advanced into annulus tissue and ~~release~~ released; once released, the plication band will then elastically strain back into its original "contracted" shape.

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This figure illustrates neighboring cardiac anatomy to provide a frame of reference. Aorta 8 is illustrated, with aortic valve 7 depicted in its closed position during diastole. Anterior leaflet 1 and posterior leaflet 2 of the mitral valve ~~is~~ are shown extending into left ventricle 6. Pulmonary vein 9 is shown entering left atrium 5.